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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN INTERVIEW WITH AL-HAWADITH

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1. RE PARA 8 REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR TALKED WITH KING BRIEFLY ABOUT HIS INTENTIONS IN STATEMENT " IN THE PAST WE USED TO CALL FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND JERUSALEM BECAUSE JORDAN WAS INTERESTED IN RESOLUTION 242, BUT THE SITUATION IS NOW DIFFERENT SINCE THE LAWFUL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS EXCEED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE WEST BANK AND EXTEND TO THE LANDS OCCUPIED IN 1948"

2. KING SAID THERE WAS NO INTENTION TO BACK AWAY
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FROM OR EXPAND 242 ON HIS PART. JORDAN HAS HOWEVER

HAD A LONG STANDING POSITION THAT PALESTINIANS HAVE RIGHTS RECOGNIZED IN EARLIER UN RESOLUTIONS STEMMING FROM ACTIVITY WHICH TOOK PLACE BEFORE AND AFTER 1948. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED SUCH RIGHTS AS RETURN OR COMPENSATION. THIS WAS ALL THAT HE HAD IN MIND AND REAFFIRMED THAT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN JORDANIAN POSITION.

3. HE TOLD AMBASSADOR AGAIN (RE PARA 9) THAT THERE WAS NO INTENTION OF ATTACKING ISRAEL OR THAT THE PLO OR ANY FEDAYEEN WOULD BE ALLOWED TO USE JORDANIAN TERRITORY TO ATTACK ISRAEL OR THE WEST BANK. INDEED HIS ENVOYS TALHUNI AND RIFAI HAD BEEN WARNED BY ASAD PERSONALLY IN DAMASCUS THIS WEEK TO BEWARE OF PLO ACTIVITIES SINCE SYRIANS WERE SURE PLO WISHED TO OBTAIN CONTROL OF JORDAN AS A FIRST STEP IN THEIR PROGRAM TO REGAIN WEST BANK. HE SAYS HE IS VERY ALERT TO AND REMAINS AWARE OF THIS PROBLEM.

4. KING ADDED THAT BEYOND TRAVEL TO OMAN ON JULY 15-16 AND 3 OR 4 DAYS IN IRAN AROUND JULY 20, HE HAS BEEN INVITED TO DAMASCUS WITH QUEEN TO SPEND AT LEAST A WEEK ON A FORMAL VISIT WHICH WILL INCLUDE A TOUR OF ALL THE GOVERNATES OF SYRIA.
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